municipalities in the State have availed themselves of the opportunity offered to them of composting town refuse into manure. The Government now propose to distribute Rs. 1,000 among the several municipalities as an advance and then recover the amount from the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research later on. The money will be realised from the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research later on. I therefore request that this grant may be passed by the House.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,000 under Demand XIX—Agriculture was put and carried.

The grant was made.

## DEMAND XIX—AGRICULTURE—Rs. 1,800.

**Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar:** Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 1,800 for the purchase of Scindhi Bulls from the Hosur Cattle Breeding Farm. This amount is required for the purchase of two Scindhi Bulls which have been offered by the Government of Madras. Honourable members of this House are aware of the fact that the cattle position has become somewhat difficult in the State on account of the ban that has been imposed by neighbouring Provinces and States. After a good deal of correspondence, the Madras Government have been pleased to make this offer and the Government want to take immediate advantage of the offer. The amount involves provision for the purchase of two pedigree bulls at Rs. 600 each, transportation charges to the extent of Rs. 300 and feeding charges of the two animals till the end of the year at Rs. 300. This item of expenditure was not anticipated at the time of the budget and that is why a supplementary demand is now made. In view to the importance of the matter, I hope the House will concede this demand.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,800 under Demand XIX—Agriculture—was put and carried.

The grant was made.

## DEMAND XXV—MEDICAL—Rs. 380.

**Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker:** Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 380 under Demand XXV—Medical for the appointment of additional staff for the Office of the Surgeon-General. At the time of the budget, the Surgeon-General brought to the notice of the Government that the staff of his office should be strengthened and wanted two more clerks. Government then thought that it was not essential to sanction additional staff and he was asked to carry on the work with the existing staff. However, the Surgeon-General has again invited the attention of Government to the steady expansion in the number of hospitals and the increase of work in regard to the collection and compilation of the statistics for the drugs

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required for all the hospitals in the State including private dispensaries for submission to the Office of the Drugs Controller of the Government of India. Government, therefore, now propose to appoint one clerk on Rs. 30-45 and one typist on Rs. 45-75. In the circumstances, I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the grant.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 380 under Demand XXV—Medical was put and carried.

The grant was made.

## DEMAND XXVI—AYURVEDA—Rs. 110.

**Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker:** Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 110 under Demand XXVI—Ayurveda for the appointment of a compounder in the Sachivottama Shastiabdapurthi Memorial Ayurveda Hospital, Neyyattinkara.

This is a newly opened hospital and though the Director wanted two compounders to be appointed from the very beginning, Government wanted to know how far there would be work for two compounders. Recently, the Director inspected the hospital and reported to Government that the daily attendance in the hospital was about 400, and that it was practically impossible for a single compounder to handle 400 cases a day. He therefore felt that one more compounder was essential for work in the hospital. I request that the House may be pleased to grant this small sum.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 110 under Demand XXVI—Ayurveda, was put and carried.

The grant was made.

## DEMAND XXVII—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION—Rs. 18,945.

**Rajyasevaniratha Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai** (*Director of Public Health*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 18,945 under Demand XXVII—Public Health and Sanitation. Out of this a sum of Rs. 12,000 is required for plague work during 1120 at Alleppey, Quilon and Marayur. A new station was started at Marayur and a sum of Rs. 4,000 is required for continuing the observation station there.

It was thought necessary to institute a public health survey throughout the State, and to conduct this survey, a small staff was necessary. The amount is required for paying salary and also to meet the contingent expenses.

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